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Overview

H. F. 419 abolishes a number of state departments and agencies. The powers and duties of these agencies are not abolished, but rather are transferred to remaining departments.

- 1 Departments of the State.** In the law designating state "departments," strikes references to the Departments of Corrections, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Human Rights, Labor and Industry, Management and Budget, Revenue, and Transportation. Strikes and separates reference to the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is proposed to be part of a Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.
- 2 Applicability.** Amends section 15.06, a law currently containing provisions that apply to specified executive branch departments and agencies. This section strikes references to the following departments and agencies: Corrections, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Human Rights, Labor and Industry, Management and Budget, Revenue, Transportation, Housing Finance, Pollution Control, and Mediation Services. Refers to a combined Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.
- 3 Salary limits.** In law establishing salary limits, strikes references to commissioners of abolished agencies.
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- 5 Additional unclassified positions.** In law authorizing appointing authorities to designate additional positions in the unclassified service, strikes references to abolished agencies.
- 6 Reassignment of duties.** Provides that specified agencies are abolished, but that the functions of the abolished agencies continue. Requires the commissioner of administration, with approval of the governor, to issue reorganization orders reassigning duties of the abolished agencies. Requires the commissioner to submit a bill to the 2012 legislature to make statutory changes required as a result of these reorganization orders. Requires a report to the legislature by January 15, 2012, on efforts to consolidate divisions, programs, and activities to maximize efficiency and minimize overlap and duplication.

